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Listing of Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Canceled)
2. (Canceled)
3. (Currently Amended) The sanitary napkin of claim + 17, wherein the side flap is, at least in part, structurally isolated from the front portion by an anterior notch, and the side flap is, at least in part, structurally isolated from the rear portion by a posterior notch.
4. (Currently Amended) The sanitary napkin of claim + 17, wherein the sanitary napkin further comprises an anterior notch defined by an anterior notch boundary that extends continuously from the outermost front distal points to the outermost flap distal point, and wherein the outermost flap distal point is located on the single side of the longitudinally-extending centerline.
5. (Previously Presented) The sanitary napkin of claim 3, wherein the anterior notch has a boundary that includes portions that are laterally inward from the outermost front distal point.
6. (Currently Amended) The sanitary napkin of claim + 17, wherein the flap is free of positioning adhesive.
7. (Currently Amended) The sanitary napkin of claim + 17, wherein the flap includes a flap positioning adhesive on a bottom surface the liquid-impervious barrier layer.

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8. (Previously Presented) The sanitary napkin of claim 3, wherein a notch selected from the group consisting of the anterior notch, the posterior notch, and combinations thereof is longitudinally asymmetric.

9. (Previously Presented) The sanitary napkin of claim 3, wherein each notch has notch depth in a range from about 11 mm to about 20 mm.

10. (Previously Presented) The sanitary napkin of claim 3, wherein each notch has a notch span in a range from about 70 mm to about 127 mm.

11. (Currently Amended) The sanitary napkin of claim 1 17, wherein the fluid-permeable cover layer and the liquid-impervious barrier layer each extend continuously across the proximal edge from the main body to the flap.

12. (Canceled)

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15. (Canceled)

16. (Canceled)

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17. (Previously Presented) A sanitary napkin comprising:
a main body, the main body comprising a fluid-permeable cover layer, a liquid-impervious barrier layer and an absorbent system intermediate the cover layer and the barrier layer, wherein the main body comprises a front portion, a rear portion and a center portion intermediate the front portion and the rear portion, and wherein the front portion extends laterally to at least one outermost front distal point and the rear portion extends laterally outward to at least one outermost rear distal point; and
a side flap projecting laterally outward from the absorbent system, extending laterally outward from a proximal edge of the center portion and adapted to be folded over a crotch portion of a user's undergarment in use, the side flap extending laterally outward from the proximal edge to a distal end, wherein the distal end is not substantially laterally outward from the at least one outermost front distal point and the distal end is not substantially laterally outward from the at least one outermost rear distal point, and wherein the at least one outermost front distal point, the at least one outermost rear distal point, and the side flap are each positioned on a single side of a longitudinally extending center line of the sanitary napkin; and
a resilient element, said resilient element being separated from the flap along a hinge line.